

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 21, 2017

7:00p.m. at the Freedom Town Hall

FCC Members Present: Paul Elie, John Roman, Alice Custard, Rob Hatch, Sue Hoople(A), JP Mcvitty

FCC Members Absent: Cheryl Harris, Sara Tabor

Others Present: John Panagiotakos, Mark McConky, Daymond Steer Conway Daily Sun

Quorum: A quorum was met

A quorum having been declared the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Paul opened the meeting calling for a roll call check when at such time Rob interjected stating he moved to the good of the order to advise the Board of the inappropriate behavior and gross misconduct on behalf of the Chairmen. Rob went on to quote under rules of order article 10 section 58 paragraph 5 that any motion that would condemn or compliment the Chairmen he will immediately step down without question and the Vice Chair shall provide for the duration of the matter.

John questioned if Rob wanted to stick to the agenda or discuss the issue. Rob responded he wanted to jump into the issue and provided the Board with a Memorandum regarding appointment recommendation for Barbara McEvoy and a list of inappropriate actions of misconduct against Chairman Eli. Chairman Eli handed the meeting at that time over to Vice Chairman John Roman and left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

After the Board had time to review the information handed out, there was discussion and questions regarding some of the information. John stated it was a lot to digest and asked if Rob wanted to go through each item. Rob responded no but gave a brief overview of how he thought things have been going since April between the FAC and FCC. He explained his concerns about Municipal Chairs being involved in Civic groups and going in opposite directions unbeknownst to the Board members about what is going on in the back ground. Other concerns:

- Forming sub committees that have not been approved by the Board
- The chair acting outside of the Board without any authority or input from the Board.
- Memorandum for Record Appointment for Recommendation/ there was no mention in July minutes the Board discussing Barbara McEvoy for appointment.
- When the Selectman had the meeting of the review of the trapping permit, it was not done at the regular meeting it was called an emergency meeting on a Friday afternoon with no agenda posted.
- The Chair pursuing a plan to give designated Conservation funds to a private landowner to pay them to put their land into Conservation Easement. Town Attorney got involved and advised him that it is illegal for the Town to spend money on private property. Done without the knowledge of the Board.
- Ex-officio voting question for the FAC meeting was discussed see attached.

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Please see attached for additional grievances for misconduct.

Rob recommended to rescind the vote that made Paul Chair in April. With the aid of the handouts Rob went on to express his concerns regarding Chairman Paul Eli. After a brief discussion it was decided to rescind the April vote to make Paul Eli Chairman.

Rob made a motion seconded by Alice to remove the Chair (Paul Eli) and rescind the vote that was taken in April to make him Chair. Motion passed 4-1-0.

Rob asked John if he would accept nomination for Chairman. John responded for now he is. Rob went on to point out why John should be Chair. John stated he has a lot to learn.

Rob made a motion, seconded by Alice to nominate John as Chair. There being no other nominations or discussion all were in favor.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed as the next order of business.

Alice made a motion, seconded by JP to accept the October minutes. All were in favor.

Invoices

Rob made a motion, seconded by JP to pay invoice for \$2,200.00 for Scrub Oak Scramblers.

Rob stated his concern the last meeting had 8 members at it, the statues states you can have 3,5 or 7.

Rob said Frank wasn't sworn in but sitting at the table and participating.

Rob made a motion, seconded by John to validate decisions made at the last FCC meeting. All were in favor.

Perch Beach Application for John Panagiotakos Haverhill St.

Mark McConky came before the Board to discuss the application for John Panagiotakos and explained they have been to the Zoning Board because the septic could not meet 125 ft. setback from a stream that runs by and they got a variance for it. They have also gone through a tree cutting plan and received all permits from Zoning. The plan is to create a perched beach with the large boulders already on the property and spreading them around the outer perimeter. Discussion ensued around the lot with the aid of a diagram. Rob asked if the septic is new. Mark responded yes, and it is as far away from the brook as can be.

Nobody had any problems with the perch beach application.

Sub- Committee Reports:

Forest Advisory- Rob reported on the budget and said we should be in the final analysis of the Stewardship Plan Update.

Rob stated the Board never established sub committees and suggested disbanding them, John said the Board would take it under advisement and give it some thought.

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Rob was not at the last FAC meeting, so he was not able to report on that meeting. He reported they had a special meeting for the budget. He reviewed numbers. All the FAC is looking to do is encumber the existing appropriations. Total \$11,263.56 and that is funding that will complete payment on the Steward Plan update, pay the forester this year and pay for the mowing.

Discussion ensued around the 2018 proposed FCC budget

FCC 2018 Budget

A motion was made by Alice, seconded by Sue to approve the following numbers for the 2018 budget Each line item was discussed it was decided to increase Part time \$400, Operating supplies \$200, Dues \$300, Meetings \$400, Water quality testing \$3000. **All were in favor.**

A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Alice to encumber open accounts and appropriations are zero. All were in favor.

Intent to cut

Intent to cut applications were reviewed. No concerns with the applications currently regarding wetlands or dredging.

Rules and Procedure

A copy of Rules and Procedure was handed out and briefly discussed. Rob disagreed with page 2 section 2 regarding a Committee Representative being appointed by Committee Chair person. Rob gave a brief overview on the process of changing or updating Rules and Procedures. It was decided to table the Rules and Procedures at this time.

A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Alice to table the Rules and Procedures update till it is properly presented. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous Information

Was tabled due to time.

Public Comment

Mark McConkey asked the Board to consider the ordinance for 125 ft. set back for a new septic system from any water body or wet land. The zoning ordinance defines wet land as poorly or very poorly drained soil. In the state of New Hampshire if you are applying for a new septic has a set back of 50 ft. from a poorly drained soil and a minimum of 75 ft. from poorly drained soil. Mark went on to explain the problem with the ordinance is if someone can not meet the set back they then need to get a variance and that cost money and holds up the application. Mark is asking the Board to come up with the science behind the need for the 125ft. ordinance. He would like to see the town ordinance in line with the State.

There being no other business to come before the Board a motion was made by Alice, seconded by JP to adjourn at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Recording Secretary

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